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Dear Sir:

Supplementing the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 22, 2006, the applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report and Written Opinion.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

It may be noted that Documents 1 and 2 were cited in the ISR submitted at filing.

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It is requested that the Examiner review the information noted and make its consideration relative to the cited documents of record.

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